

ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE

TOWN OF

GROTON

NEW HAMPSHIRE



**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 1992**

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TOWN OFFICERS
December 31, 1992

Moderator
Geoffrey A. Gannon
1994

Selectmen
Norman Blanchette Michael Ethier Laurence C. Pilvelis
1995 1994 1993

Town Clerk/Tax Collector
Jean W. Griffin
1995

Treasurer Secretary to Selectmen Road Agent
Anita Andrews Trish M. Lundberg Lewis J. Albert
1993 1993

Police Chief Health Officer
Harold T. Reilly Andrew O. Lundberg

Trustee of Trust Funds Welfare Officers
Andrew O. Lundberg Selectmen
1993

Librarian
Jean W. Griffin

Library Trustees
Melissa Putnam Joyce Tolman Barry Nelson
1993 1993 1993

Fire Warden
Tony Albert

Deputy Wardens
Peter Bailey Gary Steel Edward N. Smith

Supervisors of the Checklist
Shirley Willey Yvonne Stevens Diane M. S. Cunningham
1996 1998 1994

Planning Board
Michael Lemieux Andrew O. Lundberg Norman Blanchette
1993 1995 Ex Officio

SELECTMEN'S LETTER

Our region of New Hampshire is still feeling the effects of the recession despite some favorable news coming out of Washington. The high hopes we held for the new administration do not seem to bode well for many of our senior citizens with the announcement of a possible reduction in Cost-of-Living adjustments in Social Security benefits and increased taxes on gasoline and numerous other items.

The 1992 property tax bills reflected increases in all areas as follows:

<u>School</u>		<u>Town</u>		<u>County</u>	
1991	1992	1991	1992	1991	1992
\$11.17	\$12.58	\$3.98	\$4.36	\$1.03	\$1.05
Increase of 12.6%		Increase of 9.5%		Increase of 2.0%	

The increase in the "Town" portion of the tax rate was primarily due to the transfer station construction and the acquisition of the land behind the Selectmen's Office and Library. However, the new transfer station design will return over \$20,000 in savings in 1993. As usual, the "School" increase was a "Whopper" with another expected in 1993 due to projected increases in administrative costs and teacher salaries and benefits. The Board again strongly recommends that Groton Residents attend the school meeting on Saturday, March 20, 1993 at 1:00 p.m. No dramatic effect is anticipated in the "County" portion of the 1993 tax bill.

The Selectmen heeded the advice of experts and have instituted a two-payment system for property taxes beginning in June of 1993. This move will save the town considerable money by reducing the interest on money customarily borrowed in anticipation of taxes in the past. Additional areas which are currently being examined to reduce the tax burden of residential property owners include a possible increase in the assessed value of power transmission lines and a re-evaluation of Current Use property assessments of large commercial land owners.

The Board of Selectmen wishes to assure each and every citizen of Groton that they shall continue to work diligently in exploring all areas which may provide cost savings for the Town while obtaining the maximum in services and facilities and holding the line on taxes.

Respectfully,

Selectmen, Town of Groton

Michael Ethier, Chairman
Norman Blanchette
Laurence C. Pilvelis

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
WARRANT FOR 1993 ANNUAL MEETING OF
TOWN OF GROTON

To the inhabitants of the Town of Groton in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at North Groton Town House in said Groton on Tuesday, the 9th day of March, next, polls to be open at eleven o'clock in the morning until seven o'clock in the evening for voting on Article 1, and meeting for action on the remaining articles in the Warrant at six o'clock in the evening.

ARTICLE 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$282,450.00 for the anticipated expenses of the Town for the ensuing year as follows:

General Government	\$ 44,610.00
Public Safety	22,915.00
Cruiser Purchase	6,000.00
Highways, Streets and Bridges	79,600.00
Sanitation	23,060.00
Health	6,773.00
Welfare	2,824.00
Culture and Recreation	2,168.00
Debt Service, Interest Expense	3,000.00
Operating Transfers Out	2,000.00
Town Insurance	10,000.00
Updating Tax Maps	1,500.00
Social Security and Medicare Tax	4,500.00
Land Purchase	8,500.00
Computer Purchase	2,000.00
Building Addition, Septic System and Well	20,000.00
Backhoe Purchase	30,000.00
Utilities Re-evaluation	<u>13,000.00</u>
Total Appropriations	<u>\$282,450.00</u>

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$44,610.00 for General Government Expenses anticipated to be as follows:

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 16,000.00
Town Officers' Expenses	13,500.00
Election and Registration	860.00
Cemeteries	1,400.00
General Government Buildings	4,000.00
Reappraisal of Properties	4,000.00
Planning Board	150.00
Legal Expenses	4,100.00
Regional Associations	<u>600.00</u>
	<u>\$ 44,610.00</u>

PUBLIC SAFETY

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,915.00 for Public Safety Expenses anticipated to be as follows:

Police Department	\$ 15,315.00
Fire Department	<u>7,600.00</u>
	<u>\$ 22,915.00</u>

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 toward the purchase of a used cruiser, \$2,500.00 to be raised by taxes and \$3,500.00 to be withdraw from the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund, with any unexpended funds to remain in the Capital Reserve Fund.

\$ 6,000.00

HIGHWAYS, STREETS AND BRIDGES

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$79,600.00 for Highway Department Expenses anticipated to be as follows:

Town Maintenance	\$ 40,000.00
General Highway Expense	4,000.00
General Road Repair	35,000.00
Street Lighting	<u>600.00</u>
Highways, Streets and Bridges	\$ 79,600.00
Highway Block Grant	<u>14,400.00</u>
To be Raised by Taxes	<u>\$ 65,200.00</u>

SANITATION

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$23,060.00 for the anticipated expenses related to the operation of the solid waste disposal system as follows:

Disposal	\$ 15,250.00
Metal Disposal	1,000.00
Attendant	6,500.00
Lighting and Telephone	<u>310.00</u>
	<u>\$ 23,060.00</u>

HEALTH

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,773.00 for the anticipated Health-related expenses to be as follows:

Pemi-Baker Youth and Family Services	\$ 170.00
Pemi-Baker Home Health	1,353.00
Ambulance Service	3,360.00
Speare Memorial Hospital	1,000.00
Domestic and Sexual Violence	500.00
New Hampshire Humane Society	300.00
American Red Cross	<u>90.00</u>
	<u>\$ 6,773.00</u>

WELFARE

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,824.00 for the anticipated Welfare-related expenses to be as follows:

General Town Welfare	\$ 2,000.00
Tri-County Community Action	368.00
Grafton County Senior Citizens	156.00
Lakes Region Community Services	300.00
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	\$ 2,824.00

CULTURE AND RECREATION

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,168.00 for the anticipated Culture and Recreation expenses to be as follows:

Bristol Community Center	\$ 568.00
Groton Free Public Library	1,500.00
Groton-Hebron Ball Park	100.00
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	\$ 2,168.00

DEBT SERVICE

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for the anticipated interest expense.

\$ 3,000.00

OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund.

MISCELLANEOUS

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 for the anticipated expenses of Town Insurance.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 for continued updating of the Town tax maps.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,500.00 as the Town's share of Social Security and Medicare Tax.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,500.00 to purchase the land abutting the Town House to allow for expansion of the Rolfe Hill Cemetery.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to purchase a computer for the Selectmen's Office.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 for an addition to the Selectmen's Office, septic system and well.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 for the purchase of a used backhoe.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,000.00 for re-evaluation of all public utility property in the Town of Groton and Tenney Mountain property.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to make the following changes in remuneration of the combined office of Town Clerk/Tax Collector:

A salary of \$200.00/week and the Town keeps all the fees, to begin April 1, 1993, pursuant to RSA 41:33.

ARTICLE 22: (By petition) To see if the Town will vote to allow the use of Town sand by residents on privately owned property in Groton to be spread by mechanical means.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept any gifts.

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell by sealed bid or auction any real estate acquired by the Town through a Tax Collector's Deed.

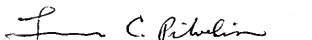
ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to transact any other business that may legally come before the Town.

A true copy of the Warrant-attest:

BOARD OF SELECTMEN, TOWN OF GROTON

Michael Ethier, Chairman


Norman Blanchette


Laurence C. Pilvelis

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION



BUDGET OF THE TOWN

OF _____ GROTON _____ N.H.

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1993 to December 31, 1993 or for Fiscal Year

From _____ 19 ____ to _____ 19 ____

Date 22 February 1993

Michael Ethier, Chairman

Norman Blanchette

Laurence C. Pilvelis

SELECTMEN (PLEASE SIGN IN INK)

R.S.A., Chap. 31, Sect. 95. Immediately upon the close of the fiscal year the budget committee in towns where such committees exist, otherwise the selectmen, shall prepare a budget on blanks prescribed by the Department of Revenue Administration. Such budget shall be posted with the town warrant and shall be printed in the town report at least one week before the date of the town meeting.

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

Acct. No.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION (RSA 31:4)	W.A. No.	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA (omit cents)	Actual Expenditures Prior Year (omit cents)	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR (omit cents)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
4130	Executive	3	14,000	\$15,024	\$16,000
4140	Election, Registration, & Vital Statistics	3	2,500	2,167	860
4150	Financial Administration	3/17	10,500	10,879	15,500
4152	Revaluation of Property	3/20	2,000	2,621	17,000
4153	Legal Expense	3	500	2,226	4,100
4155	Personnel Administration	15	5,000	3,192	4,500
4191	Planning and Zoning	3	150	65	150
4194	General Government Building	3	4,000	2,656	4,000
4195	Cemeteries	3	1,000	336	1,400
4196	Insurance	13	12,000	8,639	10,000
4197	Advertising and Regional Associations	3	800	500	600
	Update Tax Maps	14	1,000	encumbered	1,500
4199	Other General Government -- Misc.			295	
PUBLIC SAFETY					
4210	Police	4	13,000	16,977	15,315
4215	Ambulance	8	3,200	3,563	3,360
4220	Fire	4	7,500	6,575	7,600
4211	Police Cruiser	5			6,000
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS					
4312	Highways and Streets		38,000	43,755	40,000
4313	Bridges				
4316	Street Lighting		600	553	600
4314	General Highway Expense		3,000		4,000
4315	General Road Repair				35,000
SANITATION					
4323	Solid Waste Collection				
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	7	75,000	31,912	23,060
4325	Dump Site Closure		29,000	310	28,690encumbere
4326	Transfer Station				43,000encumbere
WATER DISTRIBUTION AND TREATMENT					
4332	Water Services				
4335	Water Treatment				
HEALTH					
4414	Pest Control	8	300	300	300
4415	Health Agencies and Hospitals	8	2,890	2,888	3,113
WELFARE					
4442	Direct Assistance	9	2,000	1,611	2,000
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	9	785	785	824
Sub-Totals (carry to top of page 3)			228,725	157,829	216,782

Acct. No.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION (RSA 31:4)	W.A. No.	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA (omit cents)	Actual Expenditures Prior Year (omit cents)	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR (omit cents)
	Sub-Totals (from page 2)		228,725	157,829	216,782
	CULTURE AND RECREATION				
4520	Parks and Recreation	10	750	750	568
4550	Library	10	1,200	1,200	1,500
4583	Patriotic Purposes				
	Hebron-Groton Ball Park	10	100	102	100
	CONSERVATION				
4612	Purchase of Natural Resources				
	REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING				
	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT				
	DEBT SERVICE				
4711	Princ.-Long Term Bonds & Notes				
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes				
4723	Interest on TAN	11	13,000	9,502	3,000
	CAPITAL OUTLAY				
4901	Land Purchase	16	12,000	12,000	8,500
4902	Backhoe Purchase	19			30,000
4903	Addition to Office	18			20,000
	OPERATING TRANSFERS				
4914	To Proprietary Funds:				
4915	To Capital Reserve Funds:				
	Highway Truck	12	1,000	1,000	2,000
	Cruiser		2,500	2,500	
4916	To Trust and Agency Funds:				
	(RSA 31:19-a)				
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		259,275	184,883	282,450

HELP! We ask your assistance in the following: If you have a line item of appropriation which is made up of appropriations from more than one (1) warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total. We hope this will expedite the tax rate process by reducing the number of inquiries from this office.

Acct.	W.A.	Amt.	Acct.	W.A.	Amt.
4150	3	13,500			
4150	17	2,000			
4152	3	4,000			
4152	20	13,000			

Acct. No.	SOURCE OF REVENUE	W.A. No.	*ESTIMATED REVENUE Prior Year (omit cents)	ACTUAL REVENUE Prior Year (omit cents)	ESTIMATED REVENUE Ensuing Fiscal Year (omit cents)
3120	Land Use Change Taxes		0	0	0
3180	Resident Taxes		0	0	0
3185	Yield Taxes		12,000	11,445	11,500
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		10,000	16,235	16,000
	Inventory Penalties				
	LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES				
3210	Business Licenses and Permits				
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		23,000	22,704	23,000
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		1,350	1,201	1,200
	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT				
	FROM STATE				
3351	Shared Revenue		2,408	2,408	2,408
3353	Highway Block Grant		13,483	13,484	14,469
3354	Water Pollution Grants				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		929	929	900
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement		2,542	2,542	
3359	Other-Rented Equipment		7,000	6,778	6,000
	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENT				
3379	Intergovernmental Revenues				
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES				
3401	Income from Departments		1,700	4,216	3,000
3409	Other Charges				
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES				
3501	Sale of Municipal Property				
3502	Interest on Investments				
3509	Other - Gifts		150	150	150
	INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS FROM				
3914	Proprietary Funds				
	Sewer				
	Water				
	Electric				
3915	Capital Reserve Fund Cruiser				3,500
	Trustee Given in Error			5,096	
	Dump Closure (Funds encumbered)		29,000		
3916	Trust and Agency Funds				
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
3934	Proc. from Long Term Notes & Bonds				
	Fund Balance:				
	Items Voted from Surplus		11,000		
	Remainder of Surplus				
	TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS		\$114,562	\$87,188	\$82,127

*Enter in this column the numbers which were revised and approved by DRA and which appear on the MS-4 form.

Total Appropriations 282,450

Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues, Exclusive of Property Taxes 82,127

Amount of Taxes to be Raised (Exclusive of School and County Taxes) 200,323

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF GROTON, N.H.

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

1992 TAX RATE COMPUTATION BY
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION FOR THE TOWN OF GROTON

Appropriations:	259,275	
Less: Revenues:	(114,562)	
Add: Overlay	3,101	
War Service Credits:	<u>2,700</u>	
Subtotal	150,514	
Less: Shared Revenue Return to Town	<u>(1,915)</u>	
Approved Town Tax Effort	148,599	
Municipal Tax Rate		4.36

School Portion

Due to Local School District	0	
Due to Regional School District	<u>430,960</u>	
Subtotal	430,960	
Less: Shared Revenue Returned to Town	<u>(2,232)</u>	
Approved School Tax Effort	428,728	
School Tax Rate		12.58

County Portion

Due to County	36,216	
Less: Shared Revenue Returned to Town	<u>(380)</u>	
Approved County Tax Effort	35,836	
County Tax Rate		<u>1.05</u>

COMBINED TAX RATE	<u>17.99</u>
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Commitment Analysis

Total Property Taxes Assessed	613,163	
Less: War Service Credits	(2,700)	
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	<u>0</u>	

Total Property Tax Commitment

Proof of Rate

Net Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
34,083,547	17.99	613,163

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

January 1, 1992 - December 31, 1992

1992 Motor Vehicle Registrations	\$22,704.00
1992 Transfer Station Stickers	640.00
1993 Transfer Station Stickers	3.00
1992 Dog Licenses	449.00
Dog Fines	50.00
Filing Fees	11.00
Marriage License	33.00
Copier Machine	.20
Bad Check Charge	15.00
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Total Revenue From Town Clerk	<u><u>\$23,905.20</u></u>

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1992

DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes				
Beginning of Year:	<u>1992</u>	<u>1991</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1989</u>
Property Taxes		141,498.92	24,268.37	17,008.47
Taxes Committed:				
Property Taxes	611,127.00	986.19		
Yield Tax		12,106.95		
Bad Check Charge		2.00		
Overpayments:				
Property Taxes	323.22	3,728.86		
		64.61		
Interest Collected:				
Delinquent Tax	1.00	5,591.01	3,289.35	4,629.47
Yield Tax		3.35		
TOTAL DEBITS	<u>611,451.22</u>	<u>163,981.89</u>	<u>27,557.72</u>	<u>21,637.94</u>

CREDITS

Remitted to Treasurer:				
Property Taxes	459,417.55	141,085.58	13,145.26	15,332.67
Yield Tax		11,444.92		
Interest	1.00	5,591.01	3,289.35	4,629.47
Interest Yield		3.35		
Abatements Made:				
Property Taxes	2,325.32	5,128.59	916.25	1,213.69
Yield Tax		355.25		
Overpayment	.30	64.61		
Deeded to Town			355.67	462.11
Bad Check Charge		2.00		
Uncollected Taxes				
End of Year:				
Property Taxes	149,707.05		9,851.19	
Yield Tax		306.58		
TOTAL CREDITS	<u>611,451.22</u>	<u>163,981.89</u>	<u>27,557.72</u>	<u>21,637.94</u>

Summary of Tax Sale/Tax Lien Accounts

DEBITS

	<u>1991</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1989</u>
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes Beginning of Fiscal Year:		24,268.37	17,008.47
Liens Sold or Executed During Fiscal Year:	81,960.45		
Interest Collected Lien Execution:	1,938.91	2,921.35	4,007.97
Collected Redemption Costs:	<u>781.50</u>	<u>368.00</u>	<u>621.50</u>
TOTAL DEBITS	<u>84,680.86</u>	<u>27,557.72</u>	<u>21,637.94</u>

CREDITS

Remittance to Treasurer During Fiscal Year:			
Redemptions	37,046.74	13,145.26	15,332.67
Interest & Costs Lien Execution	2,720.41	3,289.35	4,629.47
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes	1,812.92	916.25	1,213.69
Unredeemed Taxes Deeded to Town	517.92	355.67	462.11
Unredeemed Taxes on Liens	<u>42,582.87</u>	<u>9,851.19</u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL CREDITS	<u>84,680.86</u>	<u>27,557.72</u>	<u>21,637.94</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Jean W. Griffin
Tax Collector

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jean W. Griffin - Tax Collector:

1991 Property Tax	\$141,085.58
1991 Property Tax Interest	5,591.01
1992 Property Tax	442,454.88
1992 Property Tax Interest	1.00
Taxes Redeemed	65,524.57
Taxes Redeemed Interest	10,639.53
1992 Yield Tax	11,444.92
1992 Yield Tax Interest	3.35
Overpayment of Property Tax	64.91
Bad Check Charges	2.00

Total Revenue from Tax Collector \$676,811.75

Jean W. Griffin - Town Clerk:

1992 Motor Vehicle Permits	\$ 22,704.00
1992 Dog Licenses	449.00
1992 Dump Stickers	643.00
1992 Filing Fees	11.00
Copier Machine	.20
Bad Check Charges	15.00
Marriage Licenses	33.00
Dog Fines	50.00

Total Revenue From Town Clerk \$ 23,905.20

State of New Hampshire:

Rented Equipment	\$ 6,777.60
Shared Revenue	6,941.00
Flood Money	2,542.00
Highway Block Grant	13,483.56
State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement	928.78
Total Revenue From State of New Hampshire	<u>\$ 30,672.94</u>

Pemigewasset National Bank:

Loans in Anticipation of Taxes \$345,000.00

Total Revenue From Loans \$345,000.00

Gifts:

Longyear Foundation (Mary Baker Eddie House)	\$ 100.00
Longyear Foundation (to Police Department)	50.00

Total Revenue from Gifts \$ 150.00

Planning Board:

Subdivisions \$ 73.80

Total Revenue From Planning Board \$ 73.80

Health Officer:

Sewage Permit	\$ 5.00
Total Revenue From Health Officer	<u>\$ 5.00</u>

Police Department:

Plymouth District Court	136.96
Parking Fines	50.00
Police Reports and Pictures	23.00
Police Expenses Incurred With Hebron Department	<u>220.61</u>
Total Revenue From Police Department	<u>\$ 430.57</u>

Selectmen and Treasurer:

Overpayment Lakes Region Fire Dispatch	\$ 9.15
Refund Copier Machine, Conway Office Products	18.27
Checklist Sold to Michael Hannahan	12.00
Transfer From Trustee Given in Error	5,096.17
Ballots Recounted	10.00
Overpayment 1991 Audit 189	1,555.00
NHMA Insurance Dividend	464.43
NHMA Interest Return	10.00
Building Permits	11.00
Pistol permits	88.00
Current Use applications	130.00
York Rake Rental	125.00
IRS 941E Form Refund	<u>1,273.36</u>

Total Revenue From Selectmen and Treasurer	<u>\$ 8,802.38</u>
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GRAND TOTAL REVENUE 1992	<u>\$1,085,851.64</u>
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Plus: Balance 1/1/92	18,245.23
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Less: Expenditures 1992	<u>\$1,038,627.99</u>
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1/1/93	<u><u>\$ 65,468.88</u></u>
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1992 DETAILED SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

Town Officers' Salaries:

Jean W. Griffin	\$ 10,009.48
Stephen Lindsey	300.00
Dawn Ashley Lemieux	375.00
Michael Ethier	1,425.00
Diane M. S. Cunningham	250.00
Dick Clancy	115.00
Norman Blanchette	900.00
Laurence C. Pilvelis	900.00
Anita Andrews	750.00
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	\$ 15,024.48

Election and Registration:

White Mountain Publishers	94.20
Diane M. S. Cunningham	433.66
Geoffrey Gannon	125.00
Andrew O. Lundberg	100.00
Evelyn Martin	175.00
Anita Andrews	50.00
Chester Blinstrub	125.00
Virginia Hikel	125.00
Theo Drolet	125.00
Mae Blake	125.00
Carol McAfee	75.00
Yvonne Stevens	247.00
The Pennysaver, Inc.	10.40
E. Hebron Postmaster	9.60
Nelda Frisch	100.00
Beatrice Fligg	50.00
Melissa Putnam	50.00
Shirley Willey	222.50
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	\$ 2,167.36

Financial Administration:

Jean W. Griffin	3,317.17
Carol A. Elliott	349.40
Postmaster-E. Hebron	486.50
Printing Facilities	412.09
Clay's Office Products	192.69
New Hampshire Tax Collectors Association	35.00
Wheeler and Clark	37.86
The Pennysaver, Inc.	111.70
Viking Office Products	79.56
White Mountain Publishers	74.73
The Homestead Press	117.55
Trish M. Lundberg	1,565.14
Webster and Spencer	225.00
Campton Printing and Design	48.25
Kwik Print	520.61
Laurence C. Pilvelis	233.42
Dick Clancy	869.49
Data East	55.98
Xerox Corporation	1,375.00
New Hampshire State Library	1.00
New Hampshire City and Town Clerks Association	20.00
The Balsams	150.00
Andrew O. Lundberg	25.00

Financial Administration (continued)

Bristol Postmaster	\$	204.00
James Ashworth		367.25
Loring, Short and Harmon		5.00
	\$	10,879.39

Revaluation of Property:

Ralph J. Cutting	\$	2,561.00
New Hampshire Municipal Association		60.00
	\$	2,621.00

Legal Expense:

Plymouth Jurisdictional Association	\$	666.67
Crean Law Office		1,559.54
	\$	2,226.21

Personnel Administration:

Social Security and Medicare Tax	\$	3,191.87
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Planning Board:

Trish M. Lundberg	\$	13.74
Catherine E. Hahn		50.90
	\$	64.64

General Government Building:

Mike Ethier Excavating	\$	20.00
Yeaton Oil Co., Inc.		1,206.21
New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc.		522.99
New England Telephone		542.20
Governor's Commission on Disability		15.00
Jean Blanchette		50.00
Laurence C. Pilvelis		115.85
Jean W. Griffin		16.86
James Parris		35.00
King Forest Industries		80.50
A. M. Rand		12.35
Trish M. Lundberg		39.18
	\$	2,656.14

Cemeteries:

Lewis J. Albert	\$	140.00
John Kolomick		108.00
Maurice Drolet		88.00
	\$	336.00

Insurance:

Cotsibas	\$	234.50
Compensation Funds of New Hampshire		2,441.42
New Hampshire Municipal Association		5,963.00
	\$	8,638.92

Advertising and Regional Associations:

New Hampshire Municipal Association	\$	500.00
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Tax Map Update:

Funds encumbered as work is still in process, \$1,000.00.

Other General Government:

Miscellaneous	\$	294.85
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Police Department:

Sue Ann Williamson	\$	1,015.00
Hugh McAfee		673.00
Anthony Ricciotti		5,073.08
New Hampshire Department of Transportation		742.91
Town of Alexandria		50.00
Oliver Photo		12.44
Wilson Tire		109.72
MPH Industries		182.35
Lily Pond Communications		180.00
New England Telephone		1,234.60
Grafton County Sherriff		1,449.50
Harold T. Reilly		3,434.20
Ernest Parmenter		484.07
SAS Auto Parts		71.58
Ernie's Ammo		463.75
AT & T		45.52
Robert Bacon		40.00
Department of Safety		20.00
Cantara's		259.51
Shortt's		547.16
Treasurer, State of New Hampshire		220.30
Douglas R. Dutile		93.00
Laurence C. Pilvelis		47.77
Perfecta Camera		128.72
Postmaster Bristol		29.00
Postmaster E. Hebron		11.25
State of New Hampshire, Department of Transportation		74.30
Clay's Office Products		7.10
William White		27.00
Skip's Gun Shop		49.85
Twin Rivers EMS		200.00

\$ 16,976.68

Ambulance:

Town of Plymouth	\$	3,425.73
Town of Rumney		137.00

\$ 3,562.73

Fire Department:

Rumney Fire Department	\$	1,211.00
Town of Hebron		3,777.39
IRA/COM		147.94
Lakes Regional Mutual Aid Association		1,438.29

\$ 6,574.62

Highways and Streets:Winter Maintenance:

Lewis J. Albert	\$	6,257.00
Maurice Drolet		3,275.00
Mark Madden		2,882.50
Mike Ethier Excavating		1,537.00
Shortt's Garage		100.00
John Kolomick		88.00
TLC Tree and Crane Service		3,843.10
AKZO		7,400.52
New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc.		539.69
Yeaton Oil Co., Inc.		1,033.93
Big A Plymouth		267.65
Howard P. Fairfield		1,457.96
WEK, Inc.		345.00
E.T. & H.K. Ide		344.04
Lakeside Construction		927.50
Arthur Whitcomb		660.87
Eastern Rental & Supply		89.75
C. R. McCloud & Sons		84.50
	\$	31,134.01

Summer Maintenance:

Lewis J. Albert	\$	3,255.00
Maurice Drolet		1,032.00
TLC Tree and Crane Service		3,072.50
Yeaton Oil Co., Inc.		285.13
New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc.		44.59
burtco		1,428.25
John Kolomick		120.00
Robert Braley		216.00
King Forest Industries		684.25
Big A Plymouth		24.88
Mike Ethier Excavating		2,120.00
Mark Madden		64.00
Lakeside Construction		197.50
E.T. & H.K. Ide		76.50
	\$	12,620.60

Total Winter and Summer Maintenance \$ 43,754.61

General Highway Expense:

TLC Tree and Crane Service	\$	402.50
Howard P. Fairfield		79.30
Wilson Tire		47.00
Maurice Drolet		211.00
M&M Equipment		3,484.17
Big A Plymouth		99.73
Dean H. Yeaton		882.20
	\$	5,205.90

Street Lighting:

New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc.	\$	553.47
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Solid Waste Disposal:

Alfred Bourque	\$	4,064.00
Newfound Rubbish Disposal		10,985.00
Lewis J. Albert		1,047.50
TLC Tree and Crane Service		1,700.00
Barnard Survey Associates		140.00
Citizen Publishing		120.38
Salvation Disposal		5,206.99
John Kolomick		80.00
The Pennysaver, Inc.		80.50
Trish M. Lundberg		25.00
Michael Ethier		65.00
Paul Adams		1,440.00
Laurence C. Pilvelis		125.79
Sitework Expense:		
Michael Ethier		987.00
Equipment Expense:		
Salvation Disposal		5,845.00
(Encumbered \$43,000.00)	\$	31,912.16

Dump Site Closure:

Lewis J. Albert	\$	100.00
Mike Ethier Excavating		130.00
TLC Tree and Crane Service		80.00
(Encumbered 28,690.00)	\$	310.00

Pest Control:

New Hampshire Humane Society	\$	300.00
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Health Agencies and Hospitals:

Pemi-Baker Youth and Family Services	\$	50.00
Pemi-Baker Home Health Agency		1,348.32
Speare Memorial Hospital		1,000.00
Task Force Against Domestic and Sexual Violence		400.00
American Red Cross		90.00
	\$	2,888.32

Welfare:

Direct Assistance	\$	1,611.16
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Intergovernmental Welfare Payments:

Grafton County Senior Citizens		150.00
Tri-County Community Action		335.00
Lakes Region Community Services		300.00
	\$	785.00

Culture and Recreation:

Bristol Community Center		750.00
Groton Free Public Library		1,200.00
Hebron-Groton Ball Field		101.50
	\$	2,051.50

Newfound Area School District:	\$	379,465.50
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Federal Tax Withholding:	\$	12,919.71
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Abatements:	\$	3,686.45
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Tax Liens:	\$	81,960.26
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<u>Land Purchase:</u>	\$	12,000.00
<u>County Tax:</u>	\$	36,216.00
<u>Loans in Anticipation of Taxes (TAN):</u>	\$	345,000.00
<u>Interest Expense on TAN:</u>	\$	9,502.03
<u>Capital Outlay:</u>		
Highway Truck Fund	\$	1,000.00
Cruiser		<u>2,500.00</u>
	\$	3,500.00
TOTAL	\$	\$1,049,336.96
Less Actual Withholding		<u>10,708.97</u>
GRAND TOTAL		<u><u>\$1,038,627.99</u></u>
Discounts Taken: \$141.06		

February 25, 1992

Board of Selectmen:

All books and accounts of the Town Officers' were examined.

The Treasurer's book balance was reconciled with the Cash Book balance.

The Town Clerk's accounts were checked.

The Warrants given to the Tax Collector were checked against payments received.

The Report of Town Audit was filed with the State of New Hampshire State Tax Commission as required by Law.

SUSAN W. SPENCER
Webster and Spencer, Inc.
Plymouth, New Hampshire 03264

INVENTORY OF TOWN PROPERTIES

<u>Map-Lot</u>	<u>Description</u>
2-21	Church Lot
2-74&70	Union Cemetery
3-12	Non-Taxable
3-18	Non-Taxable
5-19	Abutting Selectmen's Office
5-20	Selectmen's Office
5-35	Police Department Shed
6-6	Transfer Station
7-11A	Non-Taxable
7-11	Town House
9-9	Tax Deeded Property
10-52	Non-Taxable
10-53	Tax Deeded Property

GROTON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT 1992

The Library has had a few changes in the past year and we are open more hours throughout the week. Please come in and see how nice, warm and cheerful it is. We want to thank everyone who donated during the year and especially to our Book and Bake Sale which made the children's Halloween and Christmas parties a success. The Children's Activity Hour was held every other week from June to September and the first Saturday into December. There was an average of 16 children every week. The children enjoyed planning both their parties and also decorated the Christmas tree outside the Library for all to enjoy.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Joyce Tolman
Melissa Putnam
Barry Nelson

This year, through S.C.A.P., we welcomed Mae Blake as Assistant Librarian. We have re-catalogued the Library and have the following materials:

Reference Room:

One Set Encyclopedia Americana	
One Set Encyclopedia Dictionary	
Law Books	24
Historical Books	60
Adult Fiction	806
Adult Paperbacks	161
Adult Non-Fiction	330
Biographies	229
Junior Fiction	644
Junior Non-Fiction	235
Easy Readers	430
Old Books Not to be Taken From Library	<u>383</u>
Total	<u>3,302</u>

Magazines:

Yankee
Better Homes
Reader's Digest
Workbasket
Remanisee
Prevention

Magazines Donated:

Free China
Forest News
Premier

Total 8

V.C.R. Tapes:

Total 31

Record of Services:

Adult	171
Junior	149
Easy	214
Magazines	222

Record of Services (continued):

V.C.R.	2
V.C.R. Tapes	141
Paperbacks	<u>93</u>

Total Services Rendered	<u>992</u>
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The Library wishes to thank everyone for their donations and support in the past year. Library Hours are posted and in the event of severe storms or emergencies, we close without advance notice. The V.C.R. is available for \$5.00 per week and a \$5.00 fine if not returned; once every three weeks to the same family. Children seven years and under are to have adult supervision. The Library is open to the public on days that a Librarian is present. We have had to make some drastic changes as the Library has lost 189 books, some of which have been lost or destroyed by registrants of the Library, but for the most part have just disappeared.

We thank you for your cooperation and are still looking for suggestions to be of better service to you.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean W. Griffin
Librarian

REPORT OF LIBRARY TREASURER

Payments January 1, 1992 - December 31, 1992

Librarian Services	\$1,246.00
Post Office Box 121 Rental	7.25
Bank Service Charge	40.68
Halloween and Christmas Parties	112.48
Library Supplies	60.00
V.C.R. Cleaning and Repair	61.50
Yeaton Oil	79.95
Videos, Books & Subscriptions	193.88
H.H.L.T.A. Dues	<u>20.00</u>

Total Expenses	<u>\$1,821.74</u>
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Balance on Hand January 1, 1992	\$ 569.99
Plus Town Appropriation	1,200.00
Plus Trustees Book, Bake and Food Sale	<u>288.45</u>
Total Income	\$2,058.44
Less Expenses	<u>1,821.74</u>
Balance on Hand December 31, 1992	<u>\$ 236.70</u>

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

Summary of Expenses:

Postage	\$16.64
Registry of Deeds	<u>48.00</u>
Total	<u>\$64.64</u>

Summary of Revenues:

Subdivison Fees	<u>\$73.80</u>
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Fellow Citizens:

The past year saw only one resident subdivision, and this in Groton Hollow. One new lot was created.

The Planning Board would like to extend its thanks for a job well done to Michael Lemieux. He has served on the Board since 1987 and in the capacity of Secretary since 1988. He now wishes to step down.

The Newfound Lake Watershed Planning Committee is nearing completion of its management plan. The regional survey has been analyzed and the major chapters of the plan have been roughed out. The Committee is looking forward to completing the plan this year.

Respectfully submitted,

THE PLANNING BOARD

Andrew O. Lundberg
Michael Lemieux
Norman Blanchette, Ex-Officio

HEALTH OFFICER REPORT

Summary of Revenues:

Sewage Permit	<u>\$5.00</u>
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This past year the Health Officer processed and monitored five new applications and completed documentation of four construction approvals. Four new septic systems have been approved for operation in 1992.

In addition, the sewage permit has become part of the Town's building permit and carries a fee of \$5.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew O. Lundberg
Health Officer

GROTON POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT 1992

There were over 253 calls received on the Groton police phone this past year. Below is a partial listing of the calls and the types the Police Department responded to.

<u>Nature/Type of Call</u>	<u>Number of Calls</u>
Accidents	10
Alarms	2
Arson/Fire	2
Assaults	1
Burglary	10
Civil Matters	15
Criminal Mischief	7
Criminal Trespass	4
Disturbances/Persons	7
Disturbances/Vehicles	6
Dogs/Animals	22
Domestic Violence	11
House Checks	12
Inquiries/Information	49
Juvenile Matters	5
Lost Property	1
Missing Persons	3
Motor Vehicle	19
Notifications/Messages	19
Pistol Permits	7
Rape/Sexual Assaults	2
Thefts	3
Shooting Complaints	2
Warrants	1
Miscellaneous	<u>33</u>
Total Calls From 1/1/92 - 12/31/92	<u>253</u>

I wish to thank the members of the Groton Police Department for their dedication to the Department and the people of Groton for their support this past year. We have tried to provide the best services within our resources.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Harold T. Reilly, Sr.

Officers: Anthony Ricciotti
William White

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION



Report of Trust and Capital Reserve Funds

City/Town GROTON

For the Calendar Year Ended December 31, 19 92

or

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 19 _____

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Date Feb 24 19 93
Andrew O. Lundberg
Andrew O. Lundberg

Trustees of Trust Funds

(Please sign in ink and also print/type clearly)

When To File: (R.S.A. 21-J:18)

1. For Towns reporting on a calendar year basis, this report must be on file on or before March 1st.
2. For Towns reporting on an optional fiscal year basis (FY ending June 30), this report must be filed on or before September 1st.

Where To File:

ONE COPY TO:

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
61 SOUTH SPRING STREET — P.O. BOX 457
CONCORD, N.H. 03302-0457

ONE COPY TO:

OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL
CHARITABLE TRUST DIVISION
STATE HOUSE ANNEX
CONCORD, N.H. 03301-6397

GROTON

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*No interest because First NH changed policy to no interest below \$200.00.

**Checks were written 12/31/92 and deposited 1/6/93 to Truck (\$1,000.00) and

on December 31, 19 92

(June 30, 19 _____)

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herefore, all accounts moved to the Pemi.
ruiser (\$2,500) Funds.

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN
AND STATE FOREST RANGER, DECEMBER 1992

1992 was below average for wildfires reported in our State. Our largest fire was in May in Rumney where a suspicious origin fire burned approximately 150 acres with a total cost of approximately \$30,000. The NH Division of Forests and Lands assisted many other communities in wildland fire suppression as well.

Our fire lookout towers reported 189 fires, burning a total of 136 acres. Our major causes of fires were fires kindled without a permit, unknown causes and children.

Please help your town and state forest fire officials with fire prevention. New Hampshire State Law (RSA 224:27) requires that, "No person, firm or corporation shall kindle or cause to be kindled any fire or burn or cause to be burned any material in the open, except when the ground is covered with snow, without first obtaining a written fire permit from the Forest Fire Warden of the town where the burning is to be done." Violation of this statute is a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000 and/or a year in jail and you are liable for all fire suppression costs.

Local fire departments are responsible for suppressing fires. The small average fire size of .47 acre/fire is a tribute to early detection by the public or our fire tower system and the quick response of our trained local fire departments. Please help your Warden and fire department by requesting and obtaining a fire permit before kindling an open fire.

The NH Division of Forest and Lands assisted 28 towns with a total of \$20,000 in 50/50 cost share grants for fire fighter safety items and wildland suppression equipment in 1992.

If you have any questions regarding New Hampshire forest fire laws, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden, State Forest Ranger, or Division of Forests and Lands at 271-2217.

Forest Fire Statistics 1992
for Town of Groton

	<u>State</u>	<u>District</u>
Number of Fires	289	41
Acres Burned	136	182

John Q. Ricard
Forest Ranger

Tony Albert
Forest Fire Warden

For fire permits and information call: 744-2836 or 786-9381.

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' 1992 REPORT TO TOWNS

Grafton County has continued to operate in a financially cost-effective manner. We are pleased that the \$13.5 million budget adopted in late June showed a modest 3.45% increase.

While the county property tax increased to \$6.1 million after two years of decreases, the average annual county tax increase since 1989 has been less than 3%. Under state law, \$3.5 million or 58% of the county tax dollars collected from Grafton County taxpayers in 1992 were sent to Concord to pay the county share of state assistance programs (Old Age Assistance, Aid to the Disabled, Medicaid/Nursing Assistance, and Services for Children and Youth).

The Grafton County Nursing Home has continued to offer high quality medical, nursing and support services to approximately 120 elderly and infirm residents while meeting the stricter federal Medicaid mandates imposed in 1991. The Special Needs Unit for individuals with Alzheimer's Disease and similar illnesses, opened last year, has been especially well received by residents, families and staff. During 1993 the County plans to expand the unit from 11 to 32 beds.

The County Department of Corrections saw a 15% increase in inmates over the past year. Drug forfeiture funds from the Attorney General's Office have enabled the department to increase and coordinate drug and alcohol abuse reduction programs with the goal of decreasing the number of repeat offenders.

Again during 1992 the County Farm generated a modest operating surplus, providing work opportunities for County Corrections inmates and supplying meat and vegetables for the Nursing Home and Jail. For the second year the Farm also produced potatoes for the local food pantries throughout the County.

The Commissioners, Sheriff and Assistant Sheriff implemented the second phase of a 3-year plan to ensure that subscribers pay the full cost of telephone answering services provided by the County Dispatch Center. The County also replaced the radio repeater on Cannon Mountain in order to upgrade law enforcement communications throughout Grafton County.

During 1992 the County distributed over \$78,836.00 in state Incentive Funds to local programs that prevent out-of-home placements of troubled children and youth. The County has also continued to provide Youth and Family mediation services available free-of-charge in Lebanon, Littleton and Plymouth areas.

Looking ahead to the late 1990's and beyond, the Commissioners initiated Long Range Planning as part of the annual budget process. A committee of county officials has been charged with recommending plans for addressing the needs of the county and state offices now housed at the Courthouse.

Commissioners' 1992 Report (continued)

The County sponsored a Community Development Block Grant for the AHEAD Agency in Littleton, a non-profit housing development organization. Funds are being used to purchase and rehabilitate multifamily rental housing units for the benefit of low- and moderate-income households in the northern part of Grafton County.

During 1992 the Commissioners continued efforts to inform county residents about county government, encouraging tours of county facilities and holding information sessions for local officials and other groups.

The Grafton County Board of Commissioners hold regular weekly meetings on Tuesdays (note the change from Thursdays) at 9:00 a.m. at the Administration Building on Route 10 in North Haverhill. All meetings are open to the public and we encourage attendance by public and the press. Please call the Commissioners' Office at 787-6941 for further information or to request a speaker or our slide show on county government for school and civic groups.

In closing we wish to express our sincere appreciation to local officials, agencies and the public for cooperating in our efforts to serve the citizens of Grafton County.

Respectfully submitted,

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Betty Jo Taffe, Chairman
Gerard J. Zeiller, Vice Chairman
Raymond S. Burton, Clerk

VITAL STATISTICS 1992

The following is all that has been reported to the Town Clerk:

Births:

In Plymouth, New Hampshire, David Elnathan Bates, Jr., son of Lora Jean and David Elnathan Bates, Sr., July 20, 1992.

Marriages:

In Groton, by Douglas Rasp, Justice of the Peace, Robert Patrick Watson and Sharon Gay Hayes, June 19, 1992.

Deaths:

In Plymouth, July 7, 1992, Harold Schweitzer.

Not reported to the Town Clerk:

October 15, 1992 - Richard P. Adams

November 22, 1992 - Alfred R. Bourque



ATTENTION RESIDENTS OF GROTON

Since April 1, 1985 the Town of Groton has been a member of the Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid Association. This means that Lakes Region Dispatch Center is handling all calls for **FIRE** and **MEDICAL EMERGENCY (Ambulance)** and dispatching the proper emergency service for your area of town.

If you are reporting a **FIRE, ACCIDENT or MEDICAL EMERGENCY** **CALL 524-1545** (in the 786 exchange call 1-524-1545). ***This is the fastest way for you to get the help you need when you need it!***

IN THE
744
EXCHANGE:

IN THE
786
EXCHANGE:

**FIRE OR EMERGENCY
AMBULANCE**

524-1545

**FIRE OR EMERGENCY
AMBULANCE**

1-524-1545

GROTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

744-3703

OR

SHERIFF

1-800-552-0393

